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Lakshmi Rambhatla, et al.

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Application Number

/ [to be assigned]

Filing Date

March 1, 2002

Art Unit

[to be assigned]

Examiner Name

[to be assigned]

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Hepatocytes for Therapy and Drug Screening Made from Embryonic Stem Cells

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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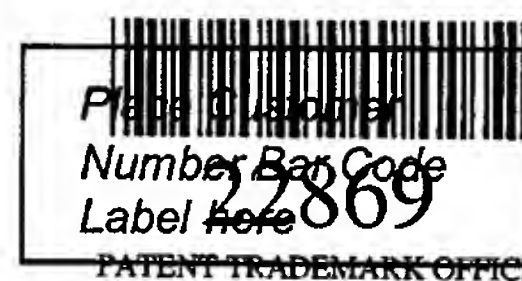
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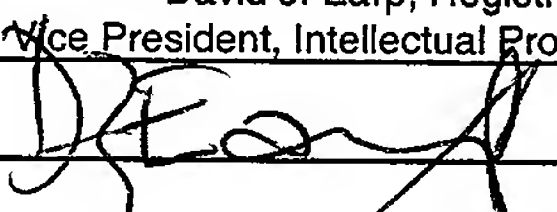
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### SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

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Whereas we, Lakshmi Rambhatla and Melissa K. Carpenter

executed employment agreements with Geron Corporation (hereinafter called Geron), a Delaware Corporation having its principal place of business at 230 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025, whereby we have agreed to assign to Geron all inventions (except as otherwise limited by law) which relate to Geron business and which were first conceived or actually reduced to practice during our employment by Geron;

Now, therefor, pursuant to the terms of said employment agreements and for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Geron, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

PROCESS FOR MAKING HEPATOCYTES FROM PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS

[X] Serial No. 10/001,267 filed on October 31, 2001 and the inventions set forth and described therein, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of countries foreign thereto which may be granted thereon or therefor;

And for the above consideration, we agree promptly upon request of Geron, its successors or assigns, to execute and deliver without further compensation any power of attorney, assignment, application, whether original, continuation, divisional or reissue, or other papers which may be necessary or desirable fully to secure to Geron, its successors and assigns, the inventions described in said application and all patent rights therein, in the United States and in any country foreign thereto, and to cooperate and assist in the prosecution of interference proceedings involving said inventions and in the adjudication or reexamination of said Letters Patent provided the expenses which may be incurred by me in lending such cooperation and assistance are paid by Geron.

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seal:

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*Lakshmi Rambhatla*  
Lakshmi Rambhatla

Date:

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*MK Carpenter*  
Melissa K. Carpenter

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State of California

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Before me this 28th day of February 2002 personally appeared  
Lakshmi Rambhatla personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence)  
to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed  
the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person executed the  
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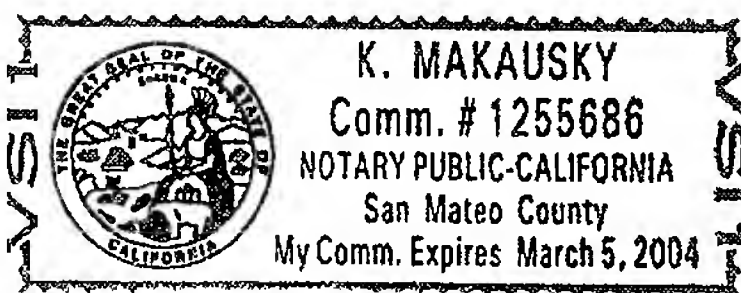
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to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed  
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